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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR ROY PAUL MADSEN

REF: WARSAW 2489 AND 2398; TELCONS MCDOWELL/PLOTKIN, APRIL 28
AND 29, 1975.

1. AS A RESULT OF APPARENT ERRONEOUS INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN THE
MADSENS REGARDING THEIR NEED FOR POLISH VISAS, THE MADSENS DID
NOT APPLY FOR THE REQUISITE VISAS UNTIL WARSAW CABLED LONDON ON
APRIL 23 TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE MATTER.

2. OUR ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE MFA TO MOVE QUICKLY IN GRANTING
THEIR LONDON EMBASSY THE PERMISSION TO GRANT THE VISAS WAS UN-
SUCCESSFUL. ON SATURDAY EVENING, LONDON ADVISED US BY CABLE
THAT MADSEN WOULD NOT ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE. THIS FORCED US TO
CANCEL THE FIRST OF HIS TWO SCHEDULED APPEARANCES, A LECTURE SET
FOR MONDAY EVENING AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY LIBRARY.

3. ON MONDAY, WE LEARNED FROM LONDON THAT THE POLISH EMBASSY HAD
BEEN GIVEN ORAL PERMISSION TO GRANT THE VISAS, BUT WERE AWAITING
WRITTEN CONFIRMATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE WRITTEN CONFIRMATIONS
DID NOT ARRIVE IN TIME AND WE REGRETFULLY CANCELLED WHAT REMAINED
OF MADSENS PROGRAM, INCLUDING HIS LECTURE AT THE LODZ FILM
ACADEMY. IN LIGHT OF THIS EXPERIENCE, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
A REVIEW OF THE VISA INSTRUCTION PROCEDURES AS THEY APPLY TO
VOLUNTARY SPEAKERS. ROUTINES MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT THE
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RECURRENCE OF THE MADSEN EPISODE. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL CABLE

ALL INCOMING VOLSKRS ASKING THAT THEY CONFIRM TO US THEIR
POSSESSION OF APPROPRIATE VISAS AND THAT THEY BEGIN EARLY THE
PROCESS OF OBTAINING VISAS FOR POLAND.
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